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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>		<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>		<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 16 October 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 21, and 31.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 6,826,195 B1 (Nikolich).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Representative asserted that the limitation regarding "switchable connection" is not met by Nikolich because Nikolich provides a backplane which makes point-to-point connection and not a programmable switch connection as required by claims 1 and 31. The Rep also asserted that while claim 21 does not describe a "switchable connection," it still distinguishes from Nikolich. The Examiner wanted to review Nikolich further in light of the Rep's assertions.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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